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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Minoru KUNIYOSHI, et al.

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FOR:

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith: Attachment to Amendment (Matoba et al)

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## **AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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SIR:

Responsive to the final Official Action dated September 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/comments begin on page 8 of this paper.